

## CLAIMS

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A polymerization process comprising contacting one or more monomer(s), one or more Lewis acid(s), and a diluent comprising one or more hydrofluorocarbon(s) (HFC's) in a reactor; wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is not a compound represented by formula  $MX_3$ , where M is a group 13 metal and X is a halogen.
2. The process of claim 1, wherein the one or more hydrofluorocarbon(s) is represented by the formula:  $C_xH_yF_z$  wherein x is an integer from 1 to 40 and y and z are integers of one or more.
3. The process of claim 2, wherein x is from 1 to 10.
4. The process of claim 2, wherein x is from 1 to 6.
5. The process of claim 2, wherein x is from 1 to 3.
6. The process of claim 1, wherein the one or more hydrofluorocarbon(s) is independently selected from the group consisting of fluoromethane; difluoromethane; trifluoromethane; fluoroethane; 1,1-difluoroethane; 1,2-difluoroethane; 1,1,1-trifluoroethane; 1,1,2-trifluoroethane; 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane; 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoroethane; 1,1,1,2,2-pentafluoroethane; 1-fluoropropane; 2-fluoropropane; 1,1-difluoropropane; 1,2-difluoropropane; 1,3-difluoropropane; 2,2-difluoropropane; 1,1,1-trifluoropropane; 1,1,2-trifluoropropane; 1,1,3-trifluoropropane; 1,2,2-trifluoropropane; 1,2,3-trifluoropropane; 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoropropane; 1,1,1,3-tetrafluoropropane; 1,1,2,2-tetrafluoropropane; 1,1,2,3-tetrafluoropropane; 1,1,3,3-tetrafluoropropane; 1,2,2,3-tetrafluoropropane; 1,1,1,2,2-pentafluoropropane; 1,1,1,2,3-pentafluoropropane; 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluoropropane; 1,1,2,2,3-pentafluoropropane; 1,1,2,3,3-

pentafluoropropane; 1,1,1,2,2,3-hexafluoropropane; 1,1,1,2,3,3-hexafluoropropane; 1,1,1,3,3,3-hexafluoropropane; 1,1,1,2,2,3,3-heptafluoropropane; 1,1,1,2,3,3,3-heptafluoropropane; 1-fluorobutane; 2-fluorobutane; 1,1-difluorobutane; 1,2-difluorobutane; 1,3-difluorobutane; 1,4-difluorobutane; 2,2-difluorobutane; 2,3-difluorobutane; 1,1,1-trifluorobutane; 1,1,2-trifluorobutane; 1,1,3-trifluorobutane; 1,1,4-trifluorobutane; 1,2,2-trifluorobutane; 1,2,3-trifluorobutane; 1,3,3-trifluorobutane; 2,2,3-trifluorobutane; 1,1,1,2-tetrafluorobutane; 1,1,1,3-tetrafluorobutane; 1,1,1,4-tetrafluorobutane; 1,1,2,2-tetrafluorobutane; 1,1,2,3-tetrafluorobutane; 1,1,2,4-tetrafluorobutane; 1,1,3,3-tetrafluorobutane; 1,1,3,4-tetrafluorobutane; 1,1,4,4-tetrafluorobutane; 1,2,2,3-tetrafluorobutane; 1,2,2,4-tetrafluorobutane; 1,2,3,3-tetrafluorobutane; 1,2,3,4-tetrafluorobutane; 2,2,3,3-tetrafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,2-pentafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,3-pentafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,4-pentafluorobutane; 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluorobutane; 1,1,1,3,4-pentafluorobutane; 1,1,1,4,4-pentafluorobutane; 1,1,2,2,3-pentafluorobutane; 1,1,2,2,4-pentafluorobutane; 1,1,2,3,3-pentafluorobutane; 1,1,2,4,4-pentafluorobutane; 1,1,3,3,4-pentafluorobutane; 1,2,2,3,3-pentafluorobutane; 1,2,2,3,4-pentafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,2,3-hexafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,2,4-hexafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,3,3-hexafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,3,4-hexafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,4,4-hexafluorobutane; 1,1,1,3,3,4-hexafluorobutane; 1,1,1,3,4,4-hexafluorobutane; 1,1,1,4,4,4-hexafluorobutane; 1,1,2,2,3,3-hexafluorobutane; 1,1,2,2,3,4-hexafluorobutane; 1,1,2,2,4,4-hexafluorobutane; 1,1,2,3,3,4-hexafluorobutane; 1,1,2,3,4,4-hexafluorobutane; 1,2,2,3,3,4-hexafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,2,3,3-heptafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,2,4,4-heptafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,2,3,4-heptafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,3,3,4-heptafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,3,4,4-heptafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,4,4,4-heptafluorobutane; 1,1,1,3,3,4,4-heptafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,2,3,3,4-octafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,2,3,4,4-octafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,3,3,4,4-octafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,2,4,4,4-octafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,3,4,4,4-octafluorobutane;

octafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,2,3,3,4,4-nonafluorobutane; 1,1,1,2,2,3,4,4,4-nonafluorobutane; 1-fluoro-2-methylpropane; 1,1-difluoro-2-methylpropane; 1,3-difluoro-2-methylpropane; 1,1,1-trifluoro-2-methylpropane; 1,1,3-trifluoro-2-methylpropane; 1,3-difluoro-2-(fluoromethyl)propane; 1,1,1,3-tetrafluoro-2-methylpropane; 1,1,3,3-tetrafluoro-2-methylpropane; 1,1,3-trifluoro-2-(fluoromethyl)propane; 1,1,1,3,3-pentafluoro-2-methylpropane; 1,1,3,3-tetrafluoro-2-(fluoromethyl)propane; 1,1,1,3-tetrafluoro-2-(fluoromethyl)propane; fluorocyclobutane; 1,1-difluorocyclobutane; 1,2-difluorocyclobutane; 1,3-difluorocyclobutane; 1,1,2-trifluorocyclobutane; 1,1,3-trifluorocyclobutane; 1,2,3-trifluorocyclobutane; 1,1,2,2-tetrafluorocyclobutane; 1,1,3,3-tetrafluorocyclobutane; 1,1,2,2,3-pentafluorocyclobutane; 1,1,2,3,3-pentafluorocyclobutane; 1,1,2,2,3,3-hexafluorocyclobutane; 1,1,2,2,3,4-hexafluorocyclobutane; 1,1,2,3,3,4-hexafluorocyclobutane; 1,1,2,2,3,3,4-heptafluorocyclobutane; vinyl fluoride; 1,1-difluoroethene; 1,2-difluoroethene; 1,1,2-trifluoroethene; 1-fluoropropene, 1,1-difluoropropene; 1,2-difluoropropene; 1,3-difluoropropene; 2,3-difluoropropene; 3,3-difluoropropene; 1,1,2-trifluoropropene; 1,1,3-trifluoropropene; 1,2,3-trifluoropropene; 1,3,3-trifluoropropene; 2,3,3-trifluoropropene; 3,3,3-trifluoropropene; 1-fluoro-1-butene; 2-fluoro-1-butene; 3-fluoro-1-butene; 4-fluoro-1-butene; 1,1-difluoro-1-butene; 1,2-difluoro-1-butene; 1,3-difluoropropene; 1,4-difluoro-1-butene; 2,3-difluoro-1-butene; 2,4-difluoro-1-butene; 3,3-difluoro-1-butene; 3,4-difluoro-1-butene; 4,4-difluoro-1-butene; 1,1,2-trifluoro-1-butene; 1,1,3-trifluoro-1-butene; 1,1,4-trifluoro-1-butene; 1,2,3-trifluoro-1-butene; 1,2,4-trifluoro-1-butene; 1,3,3-trifluoro-1-butene; 1,3,4-trifluoro-1-butene; 1,4,4-trifluoro-1-butene; 2,3,3-trifluoro-1-butene; 2,3,4-trifluoro-1-butene; 2,4,4-trifluoro-1-butene; 3,3,4-trifluoro-1-butene; 3,4,4-trifluoro-1-butene; 4,4,4-trifluoro-1-butene; 1,1,2,3-tetrafluoro-1-butene; 1,1,2,4-tetrafluoro-1-butene; 1,1,3,3-tetrafluoro-1-butene; 1,1,3,4-tetrafluoro-1-butene; 1,1,4,4-tetrafluoro-1-butene; 1,2,3,3-tetrafluoro-1-butene; 1,2,3,4-tetrafluoro-1-butene; 1,2,4,4-tetrafluoro-1-butene; 1,3,3,4-

tetrafluoro-1-butene; 1,3,4,4-tetrafluoro-1-butene; 1,4,4,4-tetrafluoro-1-butene; 2,3,3,4-tetrafluoro-1-butene; 2,3,4,4-tetrafluoro-1-butene; 2,4,4,4-tetrafluoro-1-butene; 3,3,4,4-tetrafluoro-1-butene; 3,4,4,4-tetrafluoro-1-butene; 1,1,2,3,3-pentafluoro-1-butene; 1,1,2,3,4-pentafluoro-1-butene; 1,1,2,4,4-pentafluoro-1-butene; 1,1,3,3,4-pentafluoro-1-butene; 1,1,3,4,4-pentafluoro-1-butene; 1,1,4,4,4-pentafluoro-1-butene; 1,2,3,3,4-pentafluoro-1-butene; 1,2,3,4,4-pentafluoro-1-butene; 1,2,4,4,4-pentafluoro-1-butene; 2,3,3,4,4-pentafluoro-1-butene; 2,3,4,4,4-pentafluoro-1-butene; 3,3,4,4,4-pentafluoro-1-butene; 1,1,2,3,3,4-hexafluoro-1-butene; 1,1,2,3,4,4-hexafluoro-1-butene; 1,1,2,4,4,4-hexafluoro-1-butene; 1,2,3,3,4,4-hexafluoro-1-butene; 1,2,3,4,4,4-hexafluoro-1-butene; 2,3,3,4,4,4-hexafluoro-1-butene; 1,1,2,3,3,4,4-heptafluoro-1-butene; 1,1,2,3,4,4,4-heptafluoro-1-butene; 1,1,3,3,4,4,4-heptafluoro-1-butene; 1,2,3,3,4,4,4-heptafluoro-1-butene; 1-fluoro-2-butene; 2-fluoro-2-butene; 1,1-difluoro-2-butene; 1,2-difluoro-2-butene; 1,3-difluoro-2-butene; 1,4-difluoro-2-butene; 2,3-difluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1-trifluoro-2-butene; 1,1,2-trifluoro-2-butene; 1,1,3-trifluoro-2-butene; 1,1,4-trifluoro-2-butene; 1,2,3-trifluoro-2-butene; 1,2,4-trifluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,3-tetrafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,4-tetrafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,2,3-tetrafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,2,4-tetrafluoro-2-butene; 1,2,3,4-tetrafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,2,3-pentafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,2,4-pentafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,3,4-pentafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,4,4-pentafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,2,3,4-pentafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,2,4,4-pentafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,2,3,4-hexafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,2,4,4-hexafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,3,4,4-hexafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,4,4,4-hexafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,2,3,4,4-hexafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,2,3,4,4-heptafluoro-2-butene; 1,1,1,2,4,4,4-heptafluoro-2-butene; and mixtures thereof.

7. The process of claim 1, wherein the one or more hydrofluorocarbon(s) is independently selected from the group consisting of fluoromethane,

difluoromethane, trifluoromethane, 1,1-difluoroethane, 1,1,1-trifluoroethane, 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane, and mixtures thereof.

8. The process of any of claims 1 to 7, wherein the diluent comprises from 15 to 100 volume % HFC based upon the total volume of the diluent.
9. The process of claim 8, wherein the diluent comprises from 20 to 100 volume % HFC based upon the total volume of the diluent.
10. The process of claim 9, wherein the diluent comprises from 25 to 100 volume % HFC based upon the total volume of the diluent.
11. The process of any of claims 1 to 10, wherein the diluent further comprises a hydrocarbon, a non-reactive olefin, and/or an inert gas.
12. The process of claim 11, wherein the hydrocarbon is a halogenated hydrocarbon other than an HFC.
13. The process of claim 12, wherein the halogenated hydrocarbon is methyl chloride.
14. The process of any of claims 1 to 13, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula  $MX_4$ ;  
wherein M is a Group 4, 5, or 14 metal; and  
each X is a halogen.
15. The process of any of claims 1 to 13, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula  $MR_nX_{4-n}$ ;  
wherein M is Group 4, 5, or 14 metal;  
each R is a monovalent  $C_1$  to  $C_{12}$  hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals;

$n$  is an integer from 0 to 4; and  
each X is a halogen.

16. The process of any of claims 1 to 13, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula  $M(RO)_nR'_mX_{4-(m+n)}$ ;  
wherein M is Group 4, 5, or 14 metal;  
each RO is a monovalent  $C_1$  to  $C_{30}$  hydrocarboxy radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkoxy, aryloxy, arylalkoxy, alkylaryloxy radicals;  
each R' is a monovalent  $C_1$  to  $C_{12}$  hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals;  
 $n$  is an integer from 0 to 4;  
 $m$  is an integer from 0 to 4, wherein the sum of  $n$  and  $m$  is not more than 4;  
and  
each X is a halogen.
17. The process of any of claims 1 to 13, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula  $M(RC=OO)_nR'_mX_{4-(m+n)}$ ;  
wherein M is Group 4, 5, or 14 metal;  
each  $RC=OO$  is a monovalent  $C_2$  to  $C_{30}$  hydrocarbacyl radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkacyloxy, arylacyloxy, arylalkylacyloxy, alkylarylacyloxy radicals;  
each R' is a monovalent  $C_1$  to  $C_{12}$  hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals;  
 $n$  is an integer from 0 to 4;  
 $m$  is an integer from 0 to 4, wherein the sum of  $n$  and  $m$  is not more than 4;  
and  
each X is a halogen.

18. The process of any of claims 1 to 13, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula  $MOX_3$ ;  
wherein M is a Group 5 metal; and  
each X is a halogen.
19. The process of any of claims 1 to 13, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula  $MR_nX_{3-n}$ ;  
wherein M is a Group 13 metal;  
each R is a monovalent  $C_1$  to  $C_{12}$  hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals;  
 $n$  is an integer from 1 to 3; and  
each X is a halogen.
20. The process of any of claims 1 to 13, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula  $M(RO)_nR'_mX_{3-(m+n)}$ ;  
wherein M is a Group 13 metal;  
each RO is a monovalent  $C_1$  to  $C_{30}$  hydrocarboxy radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkoxy, aryloxy, arylalkoxy, alkylaryloxy radicals;  
each R' is a monovalent  $C_1$  to  $C_{12}$  hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals;  
 $n$  is an integer from 0 to 3;  
 $m$  is an integer from 0 to 3, wherein the sum of  $n$  and  $m$  is from 1 to 3; and  
each X is a halogen.
21. The process of any of claims 1 to 13, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula  $M(RC=OO)_nR'_mX_{3-(m+n)}$ ;  
wherein M is a Group 13 metal;  
each  $RC=OO$  is a monovalent  $C_2$  to  $C_{30}$  hydrocarbacyl radical independently selected from the group independently selected from the

group consisting of an alkacyloxy, arylacyloxy, arylalkylacyloxy, alkylarylacyloxy radicals;

each R' is a monovalent C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals;

*n* is an integer from 0 to 3;

*m* is a integer from 0 to 3, wherein the sum of *n* and *m* is from 1 to 3; and each X is a halogen.

22. The process of any of claims 1 to 13, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula MX<sub>y</sub>;  
wherein M is a Group 15 metal;  
each X is a halogen; and  
*y* is 3, 4 or 5.
23. The process of any of claims 1 to 13, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula MR<sub>n</sub>X<sub>y-n</sub>;  
wherein M is a Group 15 metal;  
each R is a monovalent C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals;  
*n* is an integer from 0 to 4;  
*y* is 3, 4 or 5, wherein *n* is less than *y*; and  
each X is a halogen.
24. The process of any of claims 1 to 13, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula M(RO)<sub>n</sub>R'<sub>m</sub>X<sub>y-(m+n)</sub>;  
wherein M is a Group 15 metal,  
each RO is a monovalent C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>30</sub> hydrocarboxy radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkoxy, aryloxy, arylalkoxy, alkylaryloxy radicals;



each R' is a monovalent C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals;

*n* is an integer from 0 to 4;

*m* is an integer from 0 to 4;

*y* is 3, 4 or 5, wherein the sum of *n* and *m* is less than *y*; and

each X is a halogen.

25. The process of any of claims 1 to 13, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is represented by the formula  $M(RC=OO)_nR'_mX_{y-(m+n)}$ ;

wherein M is a Group 15 metal;

each RC=OO is a monovalent C<sub>2</sub> to C<sub>30</sub> hydrocarbacyloxy radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkacyloxy, arylacyloxy, arylalkylacyloxy, alkylarylacyloxy radicals;

each R' is a monovalent C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>12</sub> hydrocarbon radical independently selected from the group consisting of an alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylaryl and cycloalkyl radicals;

*n* is an integer from 0 to 4;

*m* is an integer from 0 to 4;

*y* is 3, 4 or 5, wherein the sum of *n* and *m* is less than *y*; and

each X is a halogen.

26. The process of any of claims 1 to 13, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is independently selected from the group consisting of titanium tetrachloride, titanium tetrabromide, vanadium tetrachloride, tin tetrachloride, zirconium tetrachloride, titanium bromide trichloride, titanium dibromide dichloride, vanadium bromide trichloride, tin chloride trifluoride, benzyltitanium trichloride, dibenzyltitanium dichloride, benzylzirconium trichloride, dibenzylzirconium dibromide, methyltitanium trichloride, dimethyltitanium difluoride, dimethyltin dichloride, phenylvanadium trichloride, methoxytitanium trichloride, *n*-butoxytitanium trichloride, di(isopropoxy)titanium dichloride,

phenoxytitanium tribromide, phenylmethoxyzirconium trifluoride, methyl methoxytitanium dichloride, methyl methoxytin dichloride, benzyl isopropoxyvanadium dichloride, acetoxytitanium trichloride, benzoylzirconium tribromide, benzoyloxytitanium trifluoride, isopropoxytin trichloride, methyl acetoxytitanium dichloride, benzyl benzoyloxyvanadium chloride, vanadium oxytrichloride, ethylaluminum dichloride, methylaluminum dichloride, benzylaluminum dichloride, isobutylgallium dichloride, diethylaluminum chloride, dimethylaluminum chloride, ethylaluminum sesquichloride, methylaluminum sesquichloride, trimethylaluminum, triethylaluminum, methoxyaluminum dichloride, ethoxyaluminum dichloride, 2,6-di-tert-butylphenoxyaluminum dichloride, methoxy methylaluminum chloride, 2,6-di-tert-butylphenoxy methylaluminum chloride, isopropoxygallium dichloride, phenoxy methylindium fluoride, acetoxyaluminum dichloride, benzoyloxyaluminum dibromide, benzoyloxygallium difluoride, methyl acetoxyaluminum chloride, isopropoxyindium trichloride, antimony hexachloride, antimony hexafluoride, arsenic pentafluoride, antimony chloride pentafluoride, arsenic trifluoride, bismuth trichloride arsenic fluoride tetrachloride, tetraphenylantimony chloride, triphenylantimony dichloride, tetrachloromethoxyantimony, dimethoxytrichloroantimony, dichloromethoxyarsine, chlorodimethoxyarsine, difluoromethoxyarsine, acetatotetrachloroantimony, (benzoato) tetrachloroantimony, and bismuth acetate chloride.

27. The process of any of claims 1 to 13, wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is independently selected from the group consisting of ethylaluminum dichloride, ethylaluminum sesquichloride, diethylaluminum chloride, methylaluminum dichloride, methylaluminum sesquichloride, dimethylaluminum chloride, and titanium tetrachloride.
28. The process of any of claims 1 to 27, wherein the process further comprises one or more initiator(s) is independently selected from the

group consisting of a hydrogen halide, a carboxylic acid, a carboxylic acid halide, a sulfonic acid, an alcohol, a phenol, a polymeric halide, a tertiary alkyl halide, a tertiary aralkyl halide, a tertiary alkyl ester, a tertiary aralkyl ester, a tertiary alkyl ether, a tertiary aralkyl ether, an alkyl halide, an aryl halide, an alkylaryl halide and an arylalkylacid halide.

29. The process of any of claims 1 to 27, wherein the one or more initiator(s) is independently selected from the group consisting of HCl, H<sub>2</sub>O, methanol, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>CCl, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl, (2-Chloro-2,4,4-trimethylpentane) and 2-chloro-2-methylpropane.
30. The process of any of claims 1 to 27, wherein the one or more initiator(s) is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen chloride, hydrogen bromide, hydrogen iodide, acetic acid, propanoic acid, butanoic acid; cinnamic acid, benzoic acid, 1-chloroacetic acid, dichloroacetic acid, trichloroacetic acid, trifluoroacetic acid, p-chlorobenzoic acid, p-fluorobenzoic acid, acetyl chloride, acetyl bromide, cinnamyl chloride, benzoyl chloride, benzoyl bromide, trichloroacetylchloride, trifluoroacetylchloride, p-fluorobenzoylchloride, methanesulfonic acid, trifluoromethanesulfonic acid, trichloromethanesulfonic acid, p-toluenesulfonic acid, methanesulfonyl chloride, methanesulfonyl bromide, trichloromethanesulfonyl chloride, trifluoromethanesulfonyl chloride, p-toluenesulfonyl chloride, methanol, ethanol, propanol, 2-propanol, 2-methylpropan-2-ol, cyclohexanol, benzyl alcohol, phenol, 2-methylphenol, 2,6-dimethylphenol, p-chlorophenol, p-fluorophenol, 2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorophenol, and 2-hydroxynaphthalene.
31. The process of any of claims 1 to 27, wherein the one or more initiator(s) is independently selected from the group consisting of 2-chloro-2,4,4-trimethylpentane; 2-bromo-2,4,4-trimethylpentane; 2-chloro-2-methylpropane; 2-bromo-2-methylpropane; 2-chloro-2,4,4,6,6-pentamethylheptane; 2-bromo-2,4,4,6,6-pentamethylheptane; 1-chloro-1-

methylethylbenzene; 1-chloroadamantane; 1-chloroethylbenzene; 1, 4-bis(1-chloro-1-methylethyl) benzene; 5-tert-butyl-1,3-bis(1-chloro-1-methylethyl) benzene; 2-acetoxy-2,4,4-trimethylpentane; 2-benzoyloxy-2,4,4-trimethylpentane; 2-acetoxy-2-methylpropane; 2-benzoyloxy-2-methylpropane; 2-acetoxy-2,4,4,6,6-pentamethylheptane; 2-benzoyl-2,4,4,6,6-pentamethylheptane; 1-acetoxy-1-methylethylbenzene; 1-acetoxyladamantane; 1-benzoyloxyethylbenzene; 1,4-bis(1-acetoxy-1-methylethyl) benzene; 5-tert-butyl-1,3-bis(1-acetoxy-1-methylethyl) benzene; 2-methoxy-2,4,4-trimethylpentane; 2-isopropoxy-2,4,4-trimethylpentane; 2-methoxy-2-methylpropane; 2-benzoyloxy-2-methylpropane; 2-methoxy-2,4,4,6,6-pentamethylheptane; 2-isopropoxy-2,4,4,6,6-pentamethylheptane; 1-methoxy-1-methylethylbenzene; 1-methoxyadamantane; 1-methoxyethylbenzene; 1,4-bis(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl) benzene; 5-tert-butyl-1,3-bis(1-methoxy-1-methylethyl) benzene, and 1,3,5-tris(1-chloro-1-methylethyl) benzene.

32. The process of any of claims 1 to 31, wherein the process further comprises a weakly-coordinating anion.
33. The process of any of claims 1 to 32, wherein the process is substantially absent of water.
34. The process of any of claims 1 to 32, wherein the one or more initiator(s) comprise greater than 30 ppm water (based upon weight).
35. The process of any of claims 1 to 34, wherein the one or more monomer(s) is independently selected from the group consisting of olefins, alpha-olefins, disubstituted olefins, isoolefins, conjugated dienes, non-conjugated dienes, styrenics, substituted styrenics, and vinyl ethers.
36. The process of claim 35, wherein the one or more monomer(s) is independently selected from the group consisting of styrene, para-

alkylstyrene, para-methylstyrene, alpha-methyl styrene, divinylbenzene, diisopropenylbenzene, isobutylene, 2-methyl-1-butene, 3-methyl-1-butene, 2-methyl-2-pentene, isoprene, butadiene, 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene,  $\beta$ -pinene, myrcene, 6,6-dimethyl-fulvene, hexadiene, cyclopentadiene, methyl cyclopentadiene, piperylene, methyl vinyl ether, ethyl vinyl ether, and isobutyl vinyl ether.

37. The process of any of claims 1 to 36, wherein the reactor is independently selected from the group consisting of a continuous flow stirred tank reactor, a plug flow reactor, a moving belt or drum reactor, a jet or nozzle reactor, a tubular reactor, a batch reactor, and an autorefrigerated boiling-pool reactor.
38. The polymerization process of any of claims 1 to 37 wherein the diluent has a dielectric constant greater than 10 at  $-85^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
39. The process of claim 38, wherein the dielectric constant is greater than 20 at  $-85^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
40. The process of claim 39, wherein the dielectric constant is greater than 25 at  $-85^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
41. The process of claim 40, wherein the dielectric constant is greater than 40 at  $-85^{\circ}\text{C}$ .
42. The polymerization process of any of claims 1 to 41 to form a polymer having a diluent mass uptake of less than 4 wt%.
43. The process of claim 42, wherein the polymer has a diluent mass uptake of less than 3 wt%.

44. The process of claim 43, wherein the polymer has a diluent mass uptake of less than 2 wt%.
45. The process of claim 44, wherein the polymer has a diluent mass uptake of less than 1 wt%.
46. The process of claim 45, wherein the polymer has a diluent mass uptake of less than 0.5 wt%.
47. The polymerization process of any of claims 1, 8 to 10 or 14 to 46, the diluent comprising methyl chloride and one or more hydrofluorocarbon(s) independently selected from the group consisting of difluoromethane, 1,1-difluoroethane, and 1,1,1,2-tetrafluoroethane in a reactor.
48. The process of claim 47, wherein the diluent further comprises a non-reactive olefin, and/or an inert gas.
49. The polymerization process of claim 1 or any of claims 2 to 48, the process comprising the steps of:  
reacting the one or more monomer(s) in the presence of one or more Lewis acid(s), one or more initiator(s), and a diluent comprising one or more hydrofluorocarbon(s) (HFC's); and  
withdrawing the polymer from the reactor.
50. The polymerization process of claim 1 or any of claims 2 to 48, the process comprising the steps of:
  - (a) introducing one or more monomer(s) into a reactor;
  - (b) adding one or more Lewis acid(s) and one or more initiator(s);
  - (c) introducing a diluent comprising one or more hydrofluorocarbon(s) (HFC's); and
  - (d) withdrawing a polymer from the reactor.

51. The polymerization process of claim 1 or any of claims 2 to 48 in which particles of polymer are polymerized in a slurry using a catalyst system and a diluent comprising one or more hydrofluorocarbon(s) (HFC's).
52. A composition comprising the product obtainable by the polymerization process of any of claims 1, 2 to 48, 49, 50 or 51.
53. A polymerization medium suitable to polymerize one or more monomer(s) to form a polymer, the polymerization medium comprising one or more Lewis acid(s) and a diluent comprising one or more hydrofluorocarbon(s) (HFC); wherein the one or more Lewis acid(s) is not a compound represented by formula  $MX_3$ , where M is a group 13 metal and X is a halogen.
54. The polymerization medium of claim 53, wherein the one or more monomer(s), the one or more Lewis acid(s), the one or more initiator(s), the diluent, and the one or more hydrofluorocarbon(s) are defined as in any of claims 1 to 48.
55. A homopolymer, copolymer, or terpolymer obtainable by the process of any of claims 1 to 48, 49, 50 and 51, or by the use of the composition of claim 52 or the polymerization medium of claim 53 or claim 54.
56. The homopolymer, copolymer, or terpolymer of claim 55, wherein the polymer has a Mw greater than 10,000.
57. The homopolymer, copolymer, or terpolymer of claim 56, wherein the polymer has a Mw greater than 50,000.
58. The homopolymer, copolymer, or terpolymer of claim 57, wherein the polymer has a Mw greater than 100,000.